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ATTRACTIVE HOMECOMING PROGRAM COMPLETED

College Endowment Fund Opens October 12th

Committees Named To Head Campaign

Presbyterian College Endowment Fund Campaign for \$350,000 is now nearing complete organization throughout the Presbyterian Churches in the synods of Georgia and South Carolina. At a state meeting held in Gainesville, Ga., September 8, 9 and 10, genuine enthusiasm for the campaign was expressed by more than 300 church representatives in attendance. The principal speakers at this conference were Dr. Wade H. Boggs, executive Secretary of the committee on Christian education, of the Presbyterian church; General Joseph B. Fraser, campaign general chairman, and Dr. Marshall W. Brown, president of the college.

During the past month a state meeting for South Carolina was held at Columbia, when two conference sessions were attended by more than 800 churchmen interested in the campaign. This large audience was addressed by Dr. Ben Lacy, president of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Warner L. Hall of Charlotte, and General Joseph B. Fraser. General Fraser stated in the course of his address, "If the enthusiasm expressed by you people at this meeting is any indication of the general interest in P. C. and this campaign throughout the state, I can say without any hesitancy that this effort will be a tremendous success."

Synod's committee for Georgia and South Carolina is composed of the following well known ministers and laymen: Joseph B. Fraser, general chairman, Stanley W. Converse, campaign treasurer; William Akers, Dr. Wallace M. Alston, Rev. Van L. Arnold, Rev. N. G. Barron, Dr. W. R. Barron, W. J. Bailey, Rev. C. D. Bearley, Marshall W. Brown, Dr. W. L. Cooke, Rev. Malcolm P. Calhoun, Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy, Rev. B. Herman Dillard, Dr. Frank P. Estes, Rev. W. McLeod Frampton, Jr., A. E. Hahnan, Dr. A. G. Harris, E. C. Hollingsworth,

Big Celebration Scheduled For November 7th

Plans have been completed for another big homecoming celebration on the campus on November 7th. The big event will be highlighted by the annual clash of the Presbyterian College Blue Hose and the Wofford Terriers on Johnson Field at 8:15 p. m.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in Judd Hall at 6:00 p. m. Last year over a thousand alumni were present for the banquet and from the interest already shown this year indicates that another large gathering will take place.

Class reunions will be at five o'clock in the college chapel. Holding reunions this year will be the classes of: 1947, 1942, 1937, 1932, 1927, 1922, 1917, 1912, 1907, 1902, 1897, 1892, 1887. Class presidents have been notified and they are busy trying to get their group ready to assemble on the campus again.

At 10:30 p. m. the Civic Clubs of Clinton will sponsor a Dance at the Clinton Armory.

George Hoyt, Dr. J. W. Jackson, William P. Jacobs, G. S. Johnson, A. B. Langley, H. M. McLaurin, Rev. A. G. McInnis, Dr. C. H. Nabers, Rev. Merle C. Patterson, J. R. Paul, Rev. Richard R. Potter, Dr. Stuart R. Oglesby, L. H. Parris, W. A. L. Sibley, A. J. Thackston, Dr. W. Redd Turner, W. D. Taylor, Dr. W. R. Wallace, Dr. George R. Wilkinson, Dr. Eugene T. Wilson, Dr. Marshall S. Woodson.

The general committee for the alumni is headed by Lt. Col. Powell A. Fraser, with H. L. Eichelberger, Dr. S. C. Hays and J. M. Wilson as associate chairmen. This committee has already begun the solicitation work among former students of the college. The alumni chapters in different cities in Georgia and South Carolina will be called on to assist this committee in making a personal solicitation of all alumni members in their locality.

What the Alumni are Doing and Saying...

(This page was supposed to be edited by Mrs. "Bee" (Mrs. Marshall W. Brown), but due to the critical illness and death of her father in Tennessee it was impossible for her to give us a hand at this time. We here in the Alumni Office will pinch-hit for her, hoping that she will be back with us for the next issue.)

Our first information is not good. All of you will regret to hear of the death of Dr. A. E. Spencer on July 20th. An article about his life and service to the college appears on page three of this issue.

A letter to the college from A. O. Ramsay of the class of 1925 tells of a fine custom started by Dr. Dudley Jones. . . . "When I was in school there, Dr. Dudley Jones used to hand me a little money from time to time with the statement that I was to understand that I could use it for whatever purposes I saw fit and that I could pass it on to some other needy student if and when I wished. I thought and still think that this was a lovely custom. I would like five dollars of this used for this purpose. If this custom, by any chance, has died out, I hope some one there can be prevailed upon to revive it—at least until I have passed on my little bit—as I expect to do from time to time."

A great deal of information has been received lately in the Alumni Office about where the alumni are located and what they are doing. So, we will go into the files at different places and give you what we find. The first one is the oldest alumna of the association, *Mrs. R. S. Thompson, of the class of 1883*, now living at 501 North Fant St., Anderson, S. C. Another faithful P. C. man is *Dr. Addison W. Simpson, class of 1896*, physician in Washington, Ga.; *Edward Lee Willingham, Jr., class of 1927*, President of the Willingham Automobile Finance Corporation, Augusta, Ga.; *H. D. Usery, class of 1926*, profession, teaching. After completing P. C. he did graduate study at the University of North Carolina in physics, summer work in Spectroscopy at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Bureau of Standards, received his M. A. from University of N. C. in 1928. Another from the class of 1926, *J. P. Young*, assistant circulation director, Time, Inc., 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y.; *David M. Plowden, class of 1917*, Box 417, Gainesville, Ga., profession, accounting . . . business and tax counselor . . . graduate study since leaving P. C. . . . American School of Business Administration, New York, 1931; *Woodrow Wilson College of Law, Atlanta, Ga.; John W. McQueen, class of 1930*, Profession, Ministry. . . . Woodlawn Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala. *Ross McCain Lynn, class of 1931*, Profession . . . Dean of Students, Darlington School, Rome, Ga. *Hazel DeWitt McCaskill, class of 1919*, Profession, insurance adjuster, Florence, S. C. *Maurice Washington Miller, class of 1935*, Profession, farmer, in Winchester, Ky. *J. T. Neely, Jr., class of 1933*, Profession . . . automobile dealer, in Rock Hill, S. C. now. *John A. Montgomery, class of 1928*, Profession . . . newspaper, 2918 Delano Drive, Columbia 32, S. C. *Dr. Chapman J. Milling, class of 1923*, Profession, physician, after attending P. C. he studied at the Medical College of the State of S. C., now living at 1512 Marion St., Columbia, S. C.

Class Officers of the Classes Holding Reunions This Year

1947

President; Mr. Russell White Park, Jr., c/o Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.

Vice-president; Mr. Thomas B. Warren, c/o Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Julia Taylor, 3400 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia.

1942

President; Mr. S. Edward Smith, Lake City, South Carolina.

Vice-president; Mr. Charles F. Timmons, 1107 Ward St., Columbia, South Carolina.

Secretary; Mrs. Milburn K. Ratteree, 1815 19th Ave., S., St. Petersburg, Florida.

Treasurer; Mr. Charles B. MacDonald, 1404 Hinkson Avenue, Columbia, Mo.

1937

President; Mr. Ernest W. Evans, Iva, South Carolina.

Vice-president; Mr. Joseph Ernest Patrick, Prin. Gainesville High School, Gainesville, Georgia.

Secretary; Dr. Harry Thornton Harvin, 40 Canal St., Sumter, South Carolina.

1932

President; Mr. William R. Senter, 205 Morningside Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Vice-president; Dr. Bernard H. Boyd, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina.

Secretary and Treasurer; Lt. Col. Leon C. Jackson, Box 97, Marion, Ala.

Poet; Mr. Frank Leon Bridgman, 849 Rutledge Ave., Charleston, South Carolina.

Historian; Mr. William W. Zealy, Jr., 209 Summit Ave., Augusta, Georgia.

1927

President; Mr. Thomas Summerfield Carpenter, Jr., 16 Woodside Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina.

Vice-president; Mr. Lawrence Eugene Owens, Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Secretary; Mr. Nall Bright, 3407 Glendon Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn., (deceased).

Treasurer; Rev. Alva Mayes Gregg, 1281 Middlesex Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Historian; Mr. William Bolivar Byers, Jr., 225 Marion St., Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Prophet; Mr. John Jefferson Adams, Jr., 616 Meadowbrook Lane, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Poet; Dr. Thomas Hancock Grafton, 708 Selma Blvd., Staunton, Virginia.

1922

President; Mr. James Louis McCord, 2110 E. Lakeview Avenue, Pensacola, Florida.

Vice-president; Mr. William Waldo Brimm, 1945 S. W. 5th St., Miami, Florida.

Secretary; Rev. James McDowell Dick, Jr., 126 West Morgan St., Raleigh, North Carolina.

Treasurer; Rev. Leland Nicholas Edmunds, Second Presbyterian Church, 1344—23rd. St., Newport News, Virginia.

Class Editor; Mr. Gilbert Worth Stuart, Hamer, South Carolina.

Poet; Rev. Louis C. LaMotte, D.D., Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, North Carolina.

Historian; Mr. Herbert Crawford, Leslie, South Carolina.

Prophet; Monroe McIntyre, (deceased).

1917

President; Mr. Youngblood, W. H. (William Hazel Youngblood), 31 Plymouth Road, Rockville Centre, Long Island, N. Y.

Vice-president; Dr. Roger L. Coe, 2727 Heyward St., Columbia, South Carolina.

Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. W. E. Dick, (deceased).

Historian; Mr. Henry Muller Brimm, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond 22, Virginia.

Poet; Mr. Marshall Gray Boulware, Sr., 1630 Foster Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

Prophet; P. P. Boggs, Pickens, S. C.

Class Editor; Dr. George Richard Cousar, c/o S. P. M., Leubo, Congo Belge, Africa.

There is no record in the alumni office of the class officers of the following classes which will hold reunions this year at homecoming. If you know of the names and present addresses of these officers the alumni office would greatly appreciate your sending them in . . . 1912; 1907; 1902; 1897; 1892; 1887.

Dr. A. E. Spencer Passes in Clinton

Retired Educator Closes Long And Useful Life in Clinton

Dr. Almon Edwin Spencer, 79, retired member of Presbyterian College faculty died Sunday morning, July 20th, at 9 o'clock at his residence in Clinton after several months declining health. He returned to his home on the 17th from a Greenville hospital where he recently underwent an operation and was bright and cheerful, and improving when the unexpected end came.

His wife, Mrs. Martha Calvert Spencer, preceded him to the grave on May 23.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 21st, from the First Presbyterian Church of which he was the senior officer. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Many friends from Clinton and elsewhere assembled for the last rites, with many beautiful flowers from friends and organizations banked upon the mound as a silent expression of the love and high regard in which he was held.

Dr. Spencer was born Decemehr 14, 1867, at Tuskegee, Ala., a son of the late Almon and Janie Nall Spencer. He graduated from Center College at Danville, Ky., in 1888 and then came to Reidville in Spartanburg county, where he taught two years. He received the degree of M. A. from Center College, and in 1914 his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

With his bride, as a young teacher, Dr. Spencer came to Clinton in September, 1891, as professor of Greek and French at Clinton College, now Presbyterian College. The name of the college and Dr. Spencer from that time have been closely linked together. A supreme faith in the institution in its "dark days", coupled with a willingness to sacrifice personal ambitions, was a marked characteristic of the educator for 54 years un-

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ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

A new event to the alumni program is the first annual golf tournament. The event will take place during the homecoming program on November 7th, at 1:30 p. m., at the Lakeside Country Club near Clinton. Prizes will be given by the Alumni Association. William P. Jacobs, III has been named chairman of the committee to arrange the tournament. Registration cards have been sent out and all alumni who expect to participate are requested to fill out the cards and mail them back to the Alumni Office.

Dr. A. E. Spencer Passes

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til his retirement two years ago. In 1897-1904 he served as president of the institution. In 1910-11 he was named acting president. In 1927, when Dr. D. M. Douglas resigned the presidency to go to the University of South Carolina as president, Dr. Spencer was again called into service as the directing head and served until the election of Dr. B. L. Parkinson several months later. Through the long years, in addition to his teaching duties, he served as secretary of the Board of Trustees and treasurer of the institution until his retirement.

Dr. Spencer did not confine his labors and interest to the college, but entered into all activities for the betterment of the community. He served several years ago as president of the Chamber of Commerce and was one of the active leaders in the Knights of Pythias order in Clinton. He was the oldest member of the local Kiwanis club and in spite of his age held one of the best

attendance records in the club and was always interested and active in its work. No Kiwanian was held in higher esteem.

As a churchman, Dr. Spencer held many posts of honor and responsibility. He was ordained an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in 1894 and was clerk of the session until the time of his death. For 53 years he was the beloved teacher of the Men's Bible class and continued his teaching up to the time he entered the hospital as a patient a few weeks preceding his death. He was a commissioner to the General Assembly several times and served as moderator of South Carolina Presbytery and the Synod of South Carolina.

Spencer, Clinton, Presbyterian College, First Presbyterian Church—these names closely linked together for 56 years will always be inseparable.

The deceased is survived by one son, Almon C. Spencer of Clinton; two daughters, Mrs. J. G. Roy of near Laurens, and Mrs. Elise Spencer Hindman of St. Louis, Mo., and one granddaughter, Martha Calvert Roy, a recent graduate of Laurens high school.

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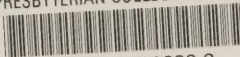
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